

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3134

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2139  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii to conduct a study on effective treatment methods to reduce populations of the Queensland Longhorn Beetle.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Hawai'i Farmers Union United, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Queensland Longhorn Beetle, which has rapidly expanded to twenty known host species since its discovery on Hawaii Island over a decade ago, poses significant potential harm to the State's biodiversity and environmental stability due to the breadth of species impacted. Early intervention to identify effective treatment and control methods is integral to strengthening the State's biosecurity before the beetle can spread statewide. This measure therefore aims to help



safeguard the State's agricultural economy, food security, and cultural heritage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 31, 2055, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Education,



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2139 HD1	EDU, WAM	6/3/16/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
DECORTE, Samantha	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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